

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-10, 12-25 and 27-32 are all the claims currently pending in the application.

By this Amendment, claims 11 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 2, 8, 10, 13, 15-17, 19, 21, 25 and 27 have been amended and claims 28-32 have been newly added. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Thus, entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

II. Response To Claim Objections:

Claims 11, 13-19 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 11 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Additionally, the Applicant has amended base claim 10 and rewritten claims 13, 15-17 and 19 in independent form to include the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2005. Thus, withdrawal of the objections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

III. Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 10, 12, 21, 25 and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Griffith et al. (U.S. Patent 5,633,736). The Applicant traverses the above rejections for the following reasons.

Claims 10, 21, 25 and 27 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2005. Thus, claims 10, 21

25, and 27 are believed to be allowable without further comment. Likewise, dependent claims 12 and 18 are also believed allowable based on their dependency from claim 10.

IV. New Claims 28-32:

The Applicant has added new claims 28-32, which include the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed on April 21, 2005. Thus, new claims 28-32 are also believed to be allowable without further comment.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-5174.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-5174.

Respectfully submitted,
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